

# PROPERTY

*Derived under Charters and Grants  
from the Crown of England,*

NOT INFERIOR



*To PROPERTY derived under Grants  
from the Subjects of England.*

**E**Very Proprietor of Lands in the American Plantations, by Grants from the Crown, claims the Benefit of *MAGNA CHARTA*, and insists on having as good a Property in America as any Man has in his Freehold in England.

Every Nobleman and Gentleman values his *PROPERTY* in the Monastery Lands, derived under Grants from the Crown, Equal to his other Lands, and sells 'em as dear.

Every Man esteems his Property in Markets, Fairs, Fisheries in Navigable Rivers and Creeks, Wrecks on the Sea Coasts, Felons Goods, &c. derived by Grants under the Crown, equal to his Property in his Freehold Lands, and defends it as zealously.

Every Borough and City having a *FRANCHISE* by Charter under the Crown, to send *REPRESENTATIVES* to Parliament, or to have a Mayor, Aldermen or Justices of the Peace, and Sessions, &c. challenges a Right not to be Ousted! Not to be Forejudged! Not to be Deprived! of that Franchise without a legal Trial, and a legal Judgment.

Colleges, Collegiate Churches, and other Ecclesiastical Foundations and Corporations, created by Charters from the Crown, claim and have the Protection of the Laws to defend their Properties.

The African Company and their *CREDITORS* claim as Purchasers by a Charter from the Crown, a *PROPERTY* in their Lands, Ports, Rivers, Coast, and Settlements in Africa, and the Benefit and Profit of 'em, Exclusive of others, or else it can be no Property.

What Exclamations wou'd be made by the American Proprietors! What Clamours by the Boroughs and Cities! What Outcries by Colleges and Ecclesiastical Corporations, If their Properties were invaded, or laid open and common.

Must the Property of the African Company, and their Creditors, be distinguish'd from the Property of their fellow Subjects? Must their Property be invaded, impoverish'd, diminish'd and laid open and common to Strangers, and rendred of no Value? without Forfeiture! without Trial of their Right! without a legal Judgment! without Satisfaction: Will



Will not the Invasion of their Property be a Precedent to Justifie and Countenance the invading any other Man's?

Have the legal Rights of the Crown and Purchasers under it *any* Advocates? *Any* Friends? *Any* Persons to defend 'em?

*Misera est servitudo, ubi Jus vagum & incognitum.*

### U N A C C O U N T A B L E

*Are the Consequences and Hardships of the Bill, If it passes into a Law!*

I. If the Bill passes into a Law, The *British* Property in the Lands in *Africa* is *disaffirm'd* and *disavow'd* by Act of Parliament: If an Act of Parliament disowns or disclaims the *British* Property in the *African* Coasts; May not the Dutch and French take Possession of those Lands and fortify 'em and justify it by this Act of Parliament: Whereas the *African* Company have as yet kept 'em off, by insisting on their Property under their Grant from the *English* Crown.

II. The Company's Property in their *African* Lands, is by this Bill not only destroy'd, but the Profit of 'em taken away: This is apparent in these two Instances.

1. The Benefit of the Trade of their Forts and Lands is given to Strangers.

2. The Company is disabled from making any manner of Profit of their Lands; For they can neither raise Tobacco nor Sugar, nor Cotton, nor Indigo, nor any other Commodities produced in the *American* Plantations; the *African* Lands will produce nothing else: The Company therefore is disabled to make any Profit at all of those Lands.

*It must therefore be a Miracle, if the Company can make neither Benefit of the Trade, nor Profit of their Lands, and yet their Property be not hurt!*

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